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A PLAGUE OF HYACINTHS.

The River St. John Nearly Stopped

Up With Flowers.

Florida is afflicted with a pest of water

hypcinths which threatens to block up all

her rivers. This particular species is so luxuriant that a single plant would in a

few years spread over the entire Atlantic

Ocean, if that were a body of still, fresh

The St. John's River is particularly 'n

fested with the plant. A photograph has been taken showing a blockade formed by

an accumulation of the hyacinths and ex-

tending clear across the river at Palatka

their way through it, and before long will

be unable to do so. The paddle wheels are fouled and almost stopped by the vegetable

The plant is very beautiful, and when in

flower presents a superb effect, mile after mile of water being transformed into a

continuous bed of exquisite blessoms

Oddly enough, it floats, having no hold on

and current. While it can be propagated

from seed, its chief method of spreading itself is by runners, like those of the

Venezuela. From that country some of

the seeds were obtained five years ago by W. F. Fuller, of Edgewater, Fla., who

planted them in a pond. In a very short time they choked up the pond so as to

make it unfit for any other purpose. Then the owner raked the plants off the pond,

and, to get rid of them, threw them into the St. John's River, where they grew out

of all control. This was the origin of the present trouble in the St. John's River.

The hyacinths have done great damage to fishing, logging, and other industries.

Cattle are extremely fond of the hyacinth

so that the cattlemen are rather inclined to

encourage it.

Meanwhile, the pest threatens to spread

into other waters of the State, and Con

gress has been asked to appropriate money

with which to fight it. Climatic condi

favorable to the plant, and the sluggist

flow of the streams helps it. A rapid river would soon carry the hyacinths out

to sea en masse. One plan suggested for dealing with the plague is to gather them

in bulk from the surface of the water with dredges, and crush them to pulp

with heavy rollers. Another idea is to

Less Painful Vengeance.

A man went to a local boxing instructor

would charge him for twenty-five lessons. The instructor told his terms and the lessons commenced. After two lessons the pupil.

who was somewhat the worse for wear, re-marked to the professor. "You see, I want-

ed to take enough lessons so that I could lick a man. I've changed my mind now I guess I will send the fellow down to take the rest of the lessons."—Rochester Democrat and Chronicia.

should be mills or crematories for destruction.—New York Journal.

booms across the river to colconstruct booms across the river to col-lect the plants, at which places there

natories for their

strawberry.

the bottom, and drifts about with wind

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A WREK'S SOCIETY EVENTS

Out-Door Entertainments Were in High Favor.

Several Charming Receptions to the Postal Delegates-Mrs. Townsend's Garden Party.

over to out-of-door entertainments, ch have been almost perfect in their most gracious mood and has lavished smiles upon the merry makers.

triotic numbers. The especial feature of the evening, however, was the liberal sup-ply of flowers which had been sent from Barewood, the home of Dolly Madison.

Miss Lillian Gary, whose engagement to Mr. Robert C. Taylor was announced early in the week, is the effect daughter of the Postmaster General and Mrs. Gary. She is highly accomplished and speaks French like a native. This fact, added to her beauty and winning manner, has made her much sought after by the young foreigners attending the Postal Congress, many of whom cannot speak English at all. At the reception given at the White House on Wednesday evening, both Miss Gary and her lovely sister, Miss Jessie Gary, were the acknowledged belies of the evening. and received no end of attention from the distinguished delegates, who, of course, are the social llons just now.

Miss Gary presided so charmingly in her

mother's place early in the Administration

ticularly interesting features will be the "Fete of the Flowers," in costume, which has been arranged by Miss Lulic Cox, the taiented young daughter of Representative Cox, who is in charge of the physical culture, Delsarte and elecution classes of the

By special request Miss Cox is to give the potion scene from "Romeo and Juliet," and her many friends and admirers are anticipating a most artistic and finished inter-pretation of the scene.

tained at dinner on Thorsday evening several delegates to the Postal Congress. Of the guests were: Saba Pasha, of Egypt; Mr. Walpole, Mr. Foreman, Mr. King, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy Storer, Miss Long, Miss Batcheller,

Miss McKenna, the eldest daughter of the Attorney General, is an extremely beautiful



ington hospitality. The only drawback to their enjoyment is the dearth of young women who are able to speak French. Consequently, some of our most irresisti-ble belles are simply admired from afar, while their more accomplished sisters, who had "kept up their French," are receiving

Major Boz Ajlam, of the Persian arms is at once the admiration and envy of his colleagues just now, for he speaks English so perfectly that he is able to make his pretty Oriental compilments to the fair sex with the greatest case and neatness. He is a most genial and sociably inclined gentleman and has been an interested participant at the social func-

The reception given by the President and Mrs. McKinley on Wednesday evening, in honor of the Universal Postal Congress, was a brilliant event. The gorgeous Oriental uniforms of the representatives of the Southern climes, the equally splended : ni forms of the members of the diplomatic corps and of our own officers of the Army and Navy who were in attendance, together with the beautiful and elegant tollets of the ladies, the brilliant illuminations and the Mrs. McKinley and the ladies forming ber ocial cabinet made a most interesting and attractive receiving line, and all wore their

The garden party at the British embuss was another brilliant and notable event which was enjoyed by the postal dele gates, as well as about four hundred of society's folk, including alithe Cabinet members and their ladies, the entire corpo diplomatique, as well as the Army, Navy and residential circles.

magnificent stairway of the embassy were draped with flags of all nations, which were loaned for the occasion by the dif ferent foreign ministers. The effect was a most striking combination of color, which was truly Oriental, in contrast to the tall palms and tropical plants which were

grouped about.
The British Ambassador and Lady Paunce fote are the most gracious and tactful hosts imaginable, and as a consequence there is no more attractive mansion in cut avenue.

Among the dinner givers of the Wee were the Minister of Mexico and Mine Romero, who entertained on Tuesday Mrs. Hobart. On Wednesday evening Mrs. Townsend gave a dinner of fifty-two covers at Woodley.

Ex-Senator and Mrs. Henderson were

host and hostess on Thursday, and a num-ber of informal hospitalities have been extended by other well-known people. Charity garden parties and fetes have received a large amount of patronage and have been very enjoyable.

has added much to the enjoyment of the golf tournaments which bave been held Handsome prizes have been given, an I the most charming of afternoon teas have closed the afternoon's enjoyment. The last of the series occurred on Friday aft ernoon, upon which occasion quite a large

Among the guests were Mrs. Charles F Sprague, Mr and Mrs. Justice White, Mrs. Storey, Major Trumbull, U. S A; Mr. Maurice Trubert, second secretary of the French embassy; Dr. Wagner, attache of the Austro-Hupgarian legation; Mr. Alfredo de Almeida Brandao, second secretary of the Brazilian legation; Mr. Thomas Marcar the Misses Boardman, the Misses Patton Mrs. Audenried, Mr. Cyril Hawkford, Mr. Knaper Crowinshield, Mr. Rufus Tryon, Miss McLanahan, and Miss Gwynn

Mrs Morgan will leave on July 1 for a

A largely attended fete was given on Thursday at Pelmont by Dolly Madison Chapter, Daughters of the American Resolution, in celebration of the birthday of Dolly Madison. The handsome house are grounds, which had been placed at the disosel of the chanter by Mrs. Partier, is an her coursesy in tendering it to the chapter for the gurpose was greatly appreciated. A fine collation was served and Haley sorthesize furnished the music, which, in keeping with the occasion, consisted of many palms. A most interesting that been arranged and

that she quite took Washington society by | young woman of the brunette type. She is storm, and the announcement that she is to spend a season here before become bride is received with delight by all.

Miss Gary is a talented planist and pos-sesses a beautiful voice, which has been highly cultivated. Her face combines on usual sweetness of expression with marked intellectuality. Her marriage to Mr. Taylor is not to occur for some months, and Miss Gary expects to pass a season in Washington before the interesting even

Mr. Robert Taylor, to whom Miss Gary is affianced, is a Virginian by birth. He is now practicing law in New York city, young men of the day.

Mrs. Richard Townsend gave a most delightful garden party at Woodley, yes-terday afternoon, from 4 to 7.

This charming place never appeared more beautiful than on this occasion. The velvety lawn was dotted over with gay striped umbrelias, under which were groups of daintily gowned women and dis-tinguished men. The rose garden on the left of the house was in full bloom, and effective fioral decorations, combined to the borders of flower beds gay with color produce a wonderfully attractive picture. The vivid Mexican portulacea and deli-The vivid Mexican portulacea and deli-cate-based hydrangea blossoms blended together in narmonious tones. The wide sweeping lawns, the giant oaks, and the magnificent view of the Potomac, and of the spires and domes of the city, made a rarely beautiful picture. A band was stationed at some distance from the house and the most entrancing melodies floated

'over the hills and far away."

Mrs. Townsend, who wore a dainty gown of white organdie, flowered with pink roses and a hat of white and pink, welcomed the guests with her usual graciousness.

All of Washington's most exclusive society was in attendance, and seemed to be having a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. A tent roof of gay colored canvas sheltered the tea table, which was laden with all the season's dainties. Among the guests were Secretary and Mrs. Gage, the Attorney General, Secretary and Miss Long, the Brit ish Ambassador and Lady Pauncefote, the Misses Pauncefote, Mr. Reginald Tower, Mr. O'Beirae, the French Ambussador and Muse. Palenotre, the Austro-Hungarian Minister and Baroness Hengelmuller, Mr. Pioda, the Swiss minister; the Spanish Minister and Mme. Dupuy de Lome, the Minister of Miss Valentine Mendonea, Mr. Maurice minister of Sweden and Norway; Mrs Beaty, Mrs. Fred. B. McGuire, Mrs. Harriet Johnston, Mrs. Edward McCauley Mmc. de Smirnoff, Miss de Smirnoff, Com mander and Mrs. Richardson Clover, the Minister of Chili and Miss Gana, Mr Alfredo Gana, Mr. Maurice Trubert, second secretary of the French embassy; Miss Smith, Miss Rose Douglass Wallach, Miss Martha Hichborn, Mrs. John R. McLean, Miss Patton, the Misses Wetmore, Miss Boardman, Mrs. Waggaman, and hosts of

Mrs. Perry S. Heath's picture graces the article "Benutiful Women of America" in the June number of the Forum, the wellknown New York magazine. Mrs. Heath was much admired at the reception given

Another very handsome and charming woman who has come to Washington with this Administration, is Mrs. Bingham, wife of Col. Bingham, who made the pres entations to the President on Wednes evening. Col. Bingham holds the position so long and acceptably filled by Col. Wilson Mrs Bingham is a decided brunette and She is very sweet and natural in manner and has already made many warm friends in Washington. Col. and Mrs. Bingham are charmingly domiciled on I street.

Miss Claudia Stuart has issued invitations for the commencement exercises of the senior class of the Stuart School, which will be held at the Church of Our Father, on the evening of May 29, at 8 o'clock. The graduates in special courses are Miss Harriette Jane Crabbe, Miss Ella Gordon Edmonds, Miss May Moore Smoot, Miss Rose Standish Sliney, and Miss Margaret Ellen Petty. Miss Jean A. Tranty, of Pennsylvania, graduates in music firishes a post-graduate course in litera-

also to be a bride in the near future, her engagement to Mr. Peter Donohoe Martin, of San Francisco, having been and some weeks ago. Miss McKenna is to spend a season in Washington before the parriage takes place. semble her mother, and is an accomplished and high-spirited young girl. Mr. Martin s a wealthy young mine owner of the

Miss Rachel Cameron will entertain a number of young people at a house party at Harrisburg, Pa. Miss Kate Brice, Miss Warder, and Mr. O'Beirne, third secretary of the British embassy, will be among her guests for the coming week.

Miss Brice will spend some time in New England as the guest of Mrs. Augusta Gardiner. She will go to Boston for

The brilliant elocutionist, Miss Opal Le Baron McGaughey, of Los Angeles, Cal., has left for her home. She will stop en route at Topeka, Kans., for a few days. A host of friends and admirers regret her departure and hope for her return next

Hon. Samuel Hurst Kash, of Central Kenucky, is stopping at the Regent. Mr. Kash was the elector of the State of Kentucky-at-large, and his friends throughou his native State, as well as these of this city, are anxious for his appointment as minister to one of the South American

The Mayflower Social Club held its regumeeting on Thursday evening at the clubbouse, on Brightwood avenue, and Rock Creek Church road. It was decided that the club should give a strawberry festival on Tuesday, June 15, and the conmittees will be appointed at the next meeting. The baseball team of the club have arranged for a game with the Fat Men's Club. Mr. A. Loeffler has been elected editor of the club paper.

honor of Miss Barber on Thursday after noon. This was only one of several charming events which were given during the week in compliment to this charming young lady, who is to become the bride of Mr.

Mrs. Novella and Miss Novella wife and daughter of the delegate to the Postal Congress from Guatemala, left yesterday for a ten days' visit to New York.

pretty afternoon tea at the Chevy Chase Club on Tuesday last. The guests of nonor were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taber. Ten was participating were Mrs. Frances Hodgson Herbert, Miss Hagner, Mrs. E. Montgomery Mrs. Edward D. White, Mr. Gaillard Hu and Licuts. Colver and Gibson, U. S. N.

Mr. Mujica y Sayago, second secretary of the Mexican legation, left on Wednesday for Mexico, by steamer, via Havana.

Wednesdays at Oak View.

One of the prettiest luncheons of th Miss Kaufman, of Highland Terrace, who entertained her friends in honor of Mis Lorena Langdon Barber. The guests were Mrs. Perry Heath, Mrs.

Francis P. Loomis, Mrs. John M. Carson, Jr., Miss Adelaide Carson, Miss Davis, Miss Noyes, and Miss Chambers. ion, have gone to Winchester, Va.

The Continental Chapter, Daughters of on Monday evening at the Elsmere. The

Mrs. J. K. Stickney has returned to Wash ington after an absence of sixteen months in California Ste is located at No. 1606 K

Gen. and Mrs. I. C. Abbott are occupying Mrs. Burnham, wife of Capt. Burnham

ng the Washingtonians at Atlantic

THE BON MARCHE'S American Queen Menu Contest COLUMBIA BICYCLE FREE.

We will inaugurate, Monday, May 24. one of the most novel contests ever held in this city. We will present a Columbia Bicycle (197 Model) to the Lady Bub scriber of the AMERICAN QUEEN who furnishes the best Menu for one week for a family of five. The entire cost of such Menu hot to exceed \$10. The merits of the Menus submatted will be passed upon by a board of judges composed of several well-known ladies of this city, whose names will be announced later. The contest positively closes June 30, and the literical well-known ladies of this city, whose names will be announced later. The contest positively closes June 30, and the literical well-known ladies of this city, whose names will be announced later. The contest positively closes June 30, and the literical well-known ladies of this city, whose names will be announced later. The contest positively closes June 30, and the literical well-known ladies of this city, whose names will be advanted to the lady who, in the opinion of the judges, has prepared the best Menu.

Our object in offering his beaudful fleycle free is to induce every lady in Washington to become a subscriber of the "AMERICAN QUEEN," one of the most abiy edited and magnificently illustrated ladies' home magnines published in the United States. The regular subscription price is \$1 per year, but in order to give everybody a chance to secure this splendid publication and at the same time have the opportunity to win this high-grade Eleycle, we shall, during this contest, receive abscriptions at the nominal rate of 25 cents per year. Each sub scriber to the "QUEEN" will receive a card, bearing a certain number, and the Menus submitted should be signed with this number at the bottom, and inclosed in an envelope and sent to the Bon Marche. The judges will then select the best Menu, and the number signed on the bottom will be published in the daily papers, and the winner requested to call and receive the Bloycle. The judges will not be informed of the names of the contestants until after they have selecte

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A PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

fit of the German Orphan Asylum.

Ladies of the Union Veteran Legion Auxiliary Receive Their Friends. The ladies of the Union Veteran Legion, Auxiliary No. 32, gave another of their entertainments at the U. V. L. Hall, No. 910 Pennsylvania avenue northwest last Thursday evening. Mrs. James Tanner pre-

L. E. Wiley, "The National Bugler," was welcomed with applause, and he plays the cornet so finely that the audience would have called him back time and again had emplimented upon her interpretation on

sided, welcoming the audience with well

Mrs. Johnson's recitation, as well as that of Mrs. Roberts', were listened to with attention. Dr. Barnes' rich voice always rett's selections, especially pleased the

Mr. Eugene Coffin played on the saxophone, accompanied by his wife on the Mrs Ellen Spencer Mussey made an ad-

dress which was very appropriate. The old tunes played so beautifully by the Messra. Reiss on the piano and flute charmed the audience. The Mandelin Club,

Mrs. M. D. Lewis sang a solo and also a duet, with Mrs. Root, of New York, both of which were fully appreciated.

The principal features of the evening

were the Delsarie poses of Miss Margaret T. Linton, M. A., and her recitation of "Hogar," in costume. Miss Linton is a graduate of the Pulledelphia College, and is sessed of a natural beauty and grace of otion which cause her to beranked among the first exponents of the Dekarte system of expression in this country. Miss Linton was assisted on plane by Mrs. Etta H. Yeager. TO PRODUCE "CINDERELLA."

A Performance by Children for a Charitable Purpose.

The operatic play of "Cinderella" will be given at the National Theater next Friday evening and Saturday matinee by Prof. Sheldon's dancing pupils, under the aurpices of a committee of well-knownladies, who have interested themselves to secure funds in this interesting manner for a most charitable cause

The beneficiary is the orphan daughter of an army officer. She has been brillantly educated and fitted to maintain herself without pecuniary aid from others, but owing to a protracted spellof illness following almost immediately after an attack of Mexican fever, contracted while teaching in that country, she is entirely without means

Among the patronesses interested are Mme Romero, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mrs. William Robinson, Mrs. Gen. Vincent, Mrs. William Carpenter, Mrs. H. C. Lancaster

and Mrs. Lieut Sharpe.

It is expected that Mrs. McKinley and other distinguished lastics will occupy boxes. on Friday night.

A Penny in the Slot.

There are in Chicago more than 500 onecent weighing machines, 300 of which are owned by one firm, and the average caruings of each machine are \$3 a month Eighteen thousand dollars a year; all in pennies, are paid by the people for the sat-isfaction of knowing whether they have "fallen off" or gained, and bow much sh

Once a month the collector coes to each machine and robs it of its last cent and last slug-for the wieghing machine still that is a part of the waste around bleyele works. The collector tests and adjusts the machine, gives the owner of the location his percentage of the pennies and goes on to the next. He often comes in from a circuit with fifty or sixty pounds of copper cents. - Chicago Record.

A New Bicycle Device.

To assist beginners in learning to ride the wheel a new device has an overhead track, on which a trolley wheel is hung. to which the bleycle is attached by a rope to prevent failing, the floor being fitted with raised guides to keep the wheel straight.—Inter-Ocean.